

A TRUE  
**NARRATIVE**  
 OF THE  
**CONFESSION**  
 AND  
**EXECUTION**

of several Notorious Malefactors

AT  
**TYBURN,**

On Wednesday April the 16th, 1684.

viz. { Charles Close, { Hugh Kelly,  
       { Bernard Trewers. { Katherine Smith,

and Mary Corbet, who was Burnt at  
Tyburn for High-Treason.

**T**Hese Malefactors, with three more, were Tryed and  
 Condemned at the last Sessions at the Old-Baily, of  
 which two of them, by his Majesties great Favor were Re-  
 ceived, and the other, *Jane Robinson*, being found quick  
 with Child by a Jury of Women impanel'd for that En-  
 quiry, was respited till her Delivery.

I shall first give you a True Account, of the several  
 Crimes, for which each person suffered and then a Re-  
 lation of the Behaviour of them, from the time of  
 their Sentence, to that of Execution.

*Charles Close* was an old Offender, and one of those  
 Rogues, who about two years ago, Rob'd Mr. Croom an  
 Ale-house-keeper, near *Sachs Fields*, which was thus, he  
 and two more of his Companions went in to drink, and af-  
 ter they had stay'd some time, and found an Opportunity fit  
 for their purpose; There being no other Company in the  
 house

house they sent down the Master for another Tankard of Drink, and one of them followed him down stairs, and of a sudden knock'd him down; the other coming in to his Assistance, they us'd him very Barbarously, and afterwards rob'd the house of a very considerable sum in Monys and Plate, and made their Escape. But Justice which never suffers such heinous crimes to go unpunished, at last overtook this Offender in the Commission of a second Robbery, with *Bernard Trevers* and *Hugh Kelly*, who were all indicted for Robbing the house of *John Shuttleworth*, an Inn-keeper at *Wood Green* in the Parish of *Tatenham*, and taking away, in Plate and Money, to the value of two hundred and fifty pounds, they laid their design with a great deal of cunning, by first going to drink as if they had been passing forward towards *Hornsey*. The Inn-keeper seeing them in the habits of Gentlemen, took them for such, and made much of them, thinking he had got good Guests, and offered them a Lodging; they would stay all Night, when it was dark *Bernard Trevers* let in several others, who assisted them to bind the Family and rob the house. *Hugh Kelly* was taken at *Portsmouth* and part of the Plate found with him. *Bernard Trevers* was taken about *Charing Cross*, and either was, or went in the habit of a Grana-deer. These three confessed upon their Arraignment that they were Guilty of Felony and Robbery, but not of breaking the house; however it being proved that *Trevers* unhinged a back door to let in the rest of his Companions, they were all three found Guilty of Felony and Burglary. *Mary Kelly*, the pretended Wife of *Hugh Kelly* was Indicted as Accessary for comforting, aiding, and harbouring them after the Robbery was committed, and a Gold Ring which was part of the Goods stole found upon her, but was acquitted.

*Katherine Smith*, alias *Sandimore* was a person very well known amongst the Pick-pockets by the Name of *Yorkshire Kate*, and was Indicted for stealing handkerchiefs, and other Linnen, the Goods of *Thomas Williams*, and found Guilty of Felony and Burglary, she had been and Incontinent Offender, whom no Acts of Clemency could oblige to



an honest Life, she having formerly Six or Seven times, received the mercy of the Bench.

Mary Corbet was formerly a Broker, and by her continual Crimes had rendred her self Obnoxious to the Law, but Mercy still prevented that punishment which she had so often deserved, she was now Indicted and Condemned for High Treason, for that she had Made, Coin'd and Counterfeited twelve pieces of Copper, Tin, and other Metals, into the likeness of Shillings, commonly called Queen Elizabeths Shillings, and twelve other pieces of like Counterfeit Metal called Queen Elizabeths Sixpences, which Fact was proved against her, by two Women, who had often seen her make the said counterfeit Money, by melting Pewter, Copper, and the like, to a pound weight at a time, and pouring the same into Molds of Wood, which fashioned it like the Shillings and Sixpences before mentioned. They also confessed they had put off much of that counterfeit money for her, and several pieces were produced in Court, upon which Evidence, she was found Guilty of High Treason.

Having thus given the Reader an Account of the several heinous crimes for which these Malefactors were condemned I shall now proceed to speak of the Behaviour of each person under so great a Trial, and how they spent those precious Minutes which formerly were often tedious to them, but now grown to valuable, that no good Christian, but would part with all the Pleasures and Riches of the World to redeem his mispent time, or gain some few hours to pray to God for Mercy upon his Soul, which before he had so often slighted. After their Return to Prison. Charles Close, tho before he seemed so steel'd in wickedness and hardened in iniquity, that neither the danger of his Life, or the Eternal Ship-wrack of his Soul, affected him with any serious consideration, yet coming into the condemned hole, he gave a great Sigh, & by some private Ejaculations, discovered his heart was not so Obdurate and impenetrable, as to be altogether unconcerned at his present condition. This happy change was soon taken notice of, by that Vigilant and Worthy Person Mr. Ordinary, who took all Opportunities to improve the least  
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Bernard Trevers, and Hugh Kelly, as they had been his former Companions in sin and wickedness, so now do they share with him in his present miseries and distress: They now *afresh Confessed* with Sorrow that Guilt they had Publickly owned at their Tryals, and as persons whose Education was always loose, and either encouraged by the Virtuous Examples of others, or prompted by the pravity of their own Wills and Affections, or both; have been *often Guilty of breaking the Sabbath*, and spending the *Lord's Day* in pursuit of Worldly business as too many do, or else in *gratifying* the Lusts of the Flesh, *unlawful Pleasures* or more wicked Debauches.

On Sunday they were at Chappel, both Morning and Afternoon, & behaved themselves with that Reverence and Attention, as became persons who were so suddenly to give an Account of every idle Thought or sinful Glance, as they had so lately of their wicked Actions. The worthy Preacher, like a true Physician of souls first applyed Corroatives to make them sensible of themselves, and that wretched State they were plunged into by that *sinful Course of Life* they had so long Rioted in; he Terrified them with Gods Judgment on impenitent sinners, the Eternal Damnation of soul and body, if they did not now, while it is *Called to Day*, repent and turn to the living God. But on the other hand, he mercifully poured *oil* into their wounded Consciences; and as none ought to Presume on, so not to despair of the Mercies of Everlasting Goodness.

*Katherine Smith, and Mary Corbet, who they had been both Notorious Offenders, yet by their humble and submissive Behaviour, seemed truly Penitent, and I hope the great Labors of those worthy Divines who visited them, wrought them into a sincere Repentance, and that sweetness of Temper, as a good Christian would rejoice to die in.*

At six of the clock they were put into Carts; And Mary  
Egbert drawn on a Sledge to Tyburn, where she was burned and  
the rest Hanged.

ed him with say, "your consideration you can't into his life, or the Eternal Ship-wreck of his soul, affect- ed and handed in impunity, that neither the danger of on. Christ's life, the before he died in need in which

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